tion was obtained or the Government had to ratify them afterwards?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) The cost of acquisition of the site was Rs. 24,648-5-10.

(d) Rs. 23,122-2-10.

(e) Some of the works sanctioned still remain to be completed and a sum of Rs. 6,200 more would be required for payment on that account.

(f) Yes; Rs. 19,000.

(g) Yes.

(h) About Rs. 10,322 over and above the estimated amount of Rs. 19,000.

(j) Most of the deviations were done after obtaining Government sanction. But some of them were done in anticipation of sanction.

Mr. M. Kittunni Menon.—Appointment of.

228. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the date when M. M. Kittunni Menon was appointed Supervisor of the College and the Diwan's House Works;

(2) whether he was not given a scholarship by the Government for his study in the Enginering College;

(3) whether he was not in the British service when he was appointed here;

(4) whether it was not in pursuance of an offer made by the Government to pay him Rs. 100 per mensem up to the end of 1107 and that he would be put in charge of the major works of the Panchayat Department and would be then given an increased salary that he joined the State service;

(5) whether they will be pleased to place copies of the correspondence that passed between the Government and Mr. Kittunni Menon on the above matter on the table and the order of his appointment;

(6) whether Mr. Kittunni Menon was not asked to scrutinise Panchayat estimates and supervise important Panchayat works from Thulam 1108;

(7) whether his pay was not then raised to Rs. 150 a month;

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(8) whether he did not do his works satisfactorily;

(9) did not the then permanent Diwan Mr. Herbert give orders to the Registrar of Panchayats to provide for a Panchayat Supervisor on Rs. 150-10-250 in 1109, and did not the Registrar provide for it in his departmental budget;

(10) did not the acting Diwan Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar scrape this provision from the budget;

(11) whether the Diwan Mr. Herbert did not recommend Mr. Kittunni Menon to the Panchayat Supervisor's post;

(12) if so, when was it and whether that recommendation was given effect to;

(13) whether Mr. Kittunni Menon was given any permanent post in the service; and if so, what it was and what was the pay he was drawing after the Diwan's House Works were over;

(14) whether there was not a vacancy in the Assistant Engineer's post in 1109 and whether Mr. Kittunni Menon was not recommended for same by the Diwan;

(15) whether there are any reasons for appointing Mr. Kattapuram Verghese in preference to Mr. Kittunni Menon for the Panchayat Supervisor's post;

(16) what are the educational qualifications of Mr. Kittunni Menon and Mr. Kattapuram Verghese;

(17) whether there were not complaints against Mr. Kattapuram Verghese by the Departmental Head at the time of his appointment as Panchayat Supervisor; and if so, what they were;

(18) whether it is a fact that he was recommended for one year's suspension by the Diwan;

(19) whether they will be pleased to place copies of the petitions put in by Mr. Kittunni Menon complaining against the overlooking of his claims;

(20) whether Mr. Kittunni Menon has not subsequently resigned his post and left the State service?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) 13th Medam 1107.

(2) No. He was getting the 'Maharaja of Cochin Endowment scholarship' for his studies in the Engineering College.

(3) Yes. But he was already or about to be retrenched at the time of his appointment in the State.

(4) Yes.

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(5) There was no direct correspondence between the Government and Mr. Kittunni Menon. A copy of the order of appointment is appended, *(Vide Appendix VI).*

(6) Yes; from Vrishigam 1108.

(7) Yes.

(8) Yes.

(9) and (10) Government cannot give information regarding correspondence that passes between the Diwan and the Heads of Departments.

(11) and (12) Information regarding the Diwan's recommendations to His Highness the Maharaja cannot be furnished.

(13) Mr. Kittunni Menon was not given any permanent post.

(14) There was a vacancy. The Hon'ble Member is referred to the answer to sub-division No. (11).

(15) Yes. Mr. Kattapuram Verghese was the permanent seniormost Overseer and had also officiated as Assistant Engineer previously. Mr. Kittunni Menon had no permanent place and Government thought that the claims of the permanent hands could not be overlooked.

(16) Mr. Kittunni Menon is a B. E. of the Madras University while Mr. Kattapuram Verghese is an Upper Subordinate of the Madras Engineering College.

(17) Yes; but the complaints are under consideration and they cannot therefore be disclosed.

(18) The Hon'ble Member is referred to the answer to sub-division No. (11).

(19) Copy of the petition dated 27th March 1935, from Mr. Kittunni Menon is appended. *(Vide appendix VII).*

(20) Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, is not this Kittunni Menon the son of Mr. Kandir Menon to whom pension was refused by the Government?

Mr V. K. Aravindakṣha Menon.—I have no official information.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. വാരിയ്യർ.— മിസ്റ്റർ കട്ടപ്പുറം വറുഗീസ് എത്ര പ്രാവശ്യം അസ്സിസ്റ്റന്റ് എഞ്ചിനീയരായിട്ട് ആക്റ്റ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്ന പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.— രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ തവണ; എത്രയാണെന്ന തീർച്ചപറയുവാൻ സാധിയ്ക്കയില്ല.

Iyyathu Parambil Canal—deepening of.

229. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be

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APPENDIX V.

Department.	No. of typists who have put in 25 years or more of service.	Date of superannuation.
Registration	one	Chingam 1119
Magisterial	one	Thulam 1120
Huzur	one	Makaram 1114
Tramway	one	Chingam 1117
Revenue	one	Karkadagam 1114

APPENDIX VI.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Public Works Department.

Maharaja's College extension works — Appointment of Supervisor.

Read (1) Chief Engineer's letter C. No. 3063/1107, dated 8th April 1932.

2. Diwan's Proceedings Pw 4 — 758/1106, dated 8th April 1932.

And 3. Sarvadhikariakar's communication A No. 1080/1105, dated 18th April 1932.

Order Pw 4 — 758/1106, dated 21st April 1935.

Mr. M. Kittunni Menon, B. E., not on the establishment, is appointed as temporary 'Supervisor' to be in charge of the Maharaja's College extension and Diwan's quarter construction works. Till the end of 1107, he may be given the pay of Rs. 100 per mensem allowed for the Special Overseer in the estimate sanctioned in the Diwan's Proceedings read above. The Chief Engineer may raise the question of increasing his pay at the beginning of next year.

2. The question of giving the 'Supervisor' the supervision of the Panchayat works also will arise only next year.

3. The Chief Engineer is requested to give information to Mr. Kittunni Menon about his appointment.

(True extract)

(Sd)
For Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Engineer,
The Comptroller of Accounts,

(True copy)

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APPENDIX VII.

Petition dated 27th March 1935, from Mr. M. Kittunni Menon, Supervisor, College Works.

"I beg to place the following facts before you for your kind consideration and favourable orders.

In Medam 1107, the Chief Engineer, on behalf of the Government, offered me the post of a special Overseer (the designation was changed to "Supervisor" at my request) in the State service on two conditions viz.,

1. That till the end of 1107 I will be paid only Rs. 100 and

2. that from 1108, I will be put in charge of the important Engineering works of the Panchayat Department in addition to my duties as Supervisor the increase in my pay being met from the Panchayat Department (vide Chief Engineer's letter R.O. C. No. 3063/07, dated 6th April 1932, copy enclosed).

2. I accepted the offer because, in addition to the stipulated promise of increase of salary from 1108, Government had the idea of appointing ere long, a full time Assistant Engineer for the Panchayat Department and Government gave me definite hopes that I would be appointed to the place when the same was actually created.

3. In Thulam 1108 Government were pleased to put me in charge of the major works of the Panchayat Department and to increase my salary to Rs. 150 as promised in the original offer made to me.

4. I may point out, in this connection, that in this order (D. P. P. W. 4—758/07, dated 12th November 1932—copy enclosed) it is specially stated that I am not entrusted with more work in the Panchayat Department solely in the interest of the efficiency of the College works where I have to be present for the greater part of my time.

5. I began to attend to the duties entrusted to me in the Panchayat Department without prejudice to the College and Diwan's House works and subsequently more works in the Panchayat Department were entrusted to me.

6. Early in 1110 Government sanctioned the appointment of a separate Supervisor for the Panchayat Department and in Makaram last they appointed Mr. Kattappuram Varghese, an Upper Sub-ordinate in service, to the place as a temporary measure for a period of one year.

7. I need hardly point out that an Engineering Graduate like me with about four years' experience as Assistant Engineer in the Salem District Board and Supervisor in the Madras P. W. D. (copy of the official appreciation of my work from the Chief Engineer, Madras Government, is enclosed for kind perusal) would never have accepted the temporary post of a Supervisor in College Extension works on a pay of Rs. 100 had it not been for the

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definite assurance of future promotion held out to me in the original offer of appointment made to me.

8. From the facts stated above I respectfully submit that I am entitled to the Engineer's post, in the Panchayat Department.

9. If, for any reason, Government cannot give me the place at present, I request that they may be pleased to allow me to draw the same salary of Rs. 150 (which they have been giving me for the last two and odd years in pursuance of the conditions specified in the order made to me at the time of my appointment) till such time as Government can give me an Assistant Engineer's place in the P. W. D."

(True copy)

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